

GREEN ACRES PROGRAM
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Dear Municipal/County Clerk:

Thanks to the passage of the 2007 Open Space Referendum, funds are available from Green Acres for land preservation and park development projects. I am pleased to extend an invitation to all interested municipalities and counties to apply for Green Acres funds. Approvals will be made using these newly available funds, as well as supplemental funding from project cancellations and withdrawals. I ask that that you provide a copy of this letter to each member of your governing body.

Green Acres will accept applications until September 30, 2008. Funding is extremely limited, and we anticipate that competition will be intense. As a result, we will only consider funding requests from **new applicants** or from applicants who have **completed or are making significant progress** on previously approved projects.

Eligible land acquisition projects include the purchase of natural areas, historic sites, conservation areas, water bodies, and open space for active or passive recreation. Eligible recreational projects include facilities that provide boating, fishing, swimming, outdoor games and sports, biking, picnicking, camping, or nature interpretation. Related costs incurred as part of the acquisition or development project also may be eligible for reimbursement. More detailed information about funding categories is provided in the enclosed attachment.

Since 1961, the Green Acres Program has assisted municipalities and counties in the acquisition of open space for recreation and conservation purposes, as well as the development of outdoor recreational facilities. The Green Acres Program is committed to preserving New Jersey's natural resources statewide and is proud to be able to continue the tradition of partnering with local and county government to serve the people of our state.

On behalf of Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Lisa Jackson and the entire staff of Green Acres, thank you for your continued support of our program.

Sincerely,

John Flynn
Administrator